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SUBJECT: UN HABITAT CONFERENCE-ESCAP/ECWA REGIONAL MEETING

REF: TEHRAN 5615

1. AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTTEL, PLO REP ADDRESSED MEETING AT OPENING
OF CONSIDERATION OF NEW AGENDA ITEM QUOTE INVOLUNTARY MIGRATION
AND DEMOGRAPHIC UPHEAVAL- CAUSES AND RELATED ISSUES UNQUOTE.
PRESENTATION WAS RELATIVELY SHORT AND IN BUSINESSLIKE TONE
UNUMERATING THE VICISSITUDES OF THE PALESTINIAN ARABS SINCE
1918. HE CLOSED WITH A LIST OF SIX RECOMMENDATIONS HE
REQUESTED BE SUBMITTED TO THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE, FIRST
FOUR OF WHICH DENOUNCE INVOLUNTARY MIGRATION, CONFISCATION
OF LAND WITH AIM OF REPLACING INDIGINOUS OCCUPANTS, DEMOLITION
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OF PROPERTY AS FORM OF COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL PUNISHMENT,

AND ALTERATION OF CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND RELIGIOUS FEATURES OF ANY SOCIETY. FIFTH, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH RECOMMENDATIONS ARE QUOTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY: 5) EMPHASIZING THAT THE JUST SOLUTION OF THE HOMELESS PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IS THROUGH THEIR REPATRIATION TO THEIR HOME LAND, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL AND IMPERATIVE FOR THE SOLUTION OF MOST OF THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS IN OUR REGION, AND FOR WORLD PEACE. 6) RECOMMENDING TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THIS CONFERENCE, IN COOPERATION WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECWA, TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT ISSUES OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE. 7) RECOMMENDING TO THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE, THE EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL, WHO HAD ALWAYS ACTED CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF HABITAT, BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INVOLUNTARY MIGRATION OF 2 MILLION PALESTINIAN ARABS, THE DESTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF THOUSANDS OF HOUSES AND VILLAGES AND PREVENTING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FROM EXERCISING THEIR NATURAL RIGHT OF SETTLING IN THEIR HOME LAND AND LIVING IN PEACE WITH ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

2. PLO PRESENTATION RECEIVED AN IMPRESSIVE ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND WAS FOLLOWED BY SPEECHES GIVING STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITS RECOMMENDATIONS BY REPS OF JORDAN AND IRAQ. THAI REP COMMENDED IRAQ FOR BINGING SUBJECT OF INVOLUNTARY MIGRATION TO ATTENTION OF CONFERENCE BUT STOPPED SHORT OF ENDORSING CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL. HIBITAT SYG INTERVENED TO SUGGEST ITEM MIGHT BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF VOLUNTARY MIGRATIONS AND THE SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS THEY POSE, AND THE CAHIRMAN ,MR. KEUNEMAN, SPEAKING AS THE REP OF SRI LANKA, ATTEMPTED TO LEND HIS WEIGHT TO DEFUSING THE ISSUE BY DISCOURSING ON PROBLEMS OF MIGRATION OF WORKERS. JORDANIAN REP CAME BACK STRONGLY TO OPPOSE ATTEMPT BY OTHERS TO BROADEN AND THERBY BLUNT THE ISSUE, SAYING THIS PROBLEM HAD SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR ASIA AND THAH THIS MEETING SHOULD PUT IT UP TO THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE. PAKISTAN ALSO SUPPORTED THE PLO.

3. SESSION CLOSED WHEN NO OTHER REPS VOLUNTEERED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE, BUT CHAIRMAN STATED THAT REPS WOULD AGAIN HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEK ON IT MORNING OF 18 JUNE WHEN MEETING WILL DEAL WITH QUOTE OTHER ISSUES AND CONCLUSIONS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECOMMENDATIONS UNQUOTE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BY OPENING BUSINESS TEHRAN 18 JUNE ITS INSTURCTIONS ON HOW USDEL IS TO RESPOND TO PLO RECOMMENDATIONS OR HOW IT IS TO VOTE ON THEM, IF IT COMES TO THAT. ESTIMATE 27 NATIONAL DELEGATIONS OF WHICH 14 WOULD DEFINITELY BE FOR PLO WITH AND ADDED 5 PROBABLES.
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